



Benedictine Oblates of Nebraska

Associated with Sacred Heart Monastery

April 2007

ASSIGNMENTS

Lincoln Chapter:

Sunday Chapter: north Commons 7-9 p.m.

Monday Chapter meetings: Flanagan Room 7-9 p.m. .

Sunday, April 15, 2007 and Monday, April 16, 2007
(ONE WEEK LATER)

Text: *Strangers to the City* by Michael Casey,
Chapter 5, Chastity

Also read: RB Prologue 1-5 & 14-21; RB 4:63-78;
I Cor. 15:16-25; II Cor. 12:7-10

Steinauer Chapter:

Banquet Room, across from St. Anthony's Church
Monday, April 2, 2007, 7-9p.m.

Text: *Strangers to the City* by Michael Casey,
Chapter 5, Chastity

Also read: RB Prologue 14-21, RB 1:3-5, 4:63-74; I
Cor 15: 16-25 & II Cor 12: 7-10

Hastings Chapter:

St. Michael's Church, Family Room, 9:30 – 11:30
a.m.

Saturday, April 14, 2007: (ONE WEEK LATER)

Text: *Path of Life*, Chapter 6, *Lectio Divina*, pages
74-87

Also read: RB 38-72

Omaha Chapter:

All Saints Episcopal Church, 9302 Blondo, Omaha
NE 68134, Rite 13, Classroom.

Tuesday, April 10, 2007, General Assembly:

Text: *Path of Life*, Chapter 6, *Lectio Divina*, pages
74-87

Also read: RB 38-72

Please note chapter schedules for both Lincoln and
Hastings! The meetings are one week later because
of Easter this year.

VOLUNTEERING IN KENYA: Sister Jacquelyn
Ernster, our former Prioress, recently spent three
months in Kenya at a Benedictine monastery and
school. She will be telling us of her experiences on
Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. in the Sheridan Rooms
(regular meeting place for the Lincoln Chapter).
She will be bringing one of the

African Sisters with her. Refreshments will follow.
I have seen the presentation and I know you will
enjoy it.

OBLATE NOTES:

- Congratulations to Oblate Jim O'Hanlon! He will receive the prestigious UNL Louise Pound-George Howard Award on April 21 at the Lied Center - for his distinguished career of service to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Congratulations to Oblate Teresa Harms who has been accepted into the Mount Marty College, Yankton, SD, master's level Pastoral Ministry Program.
- Congratulations to Oblate Jim Potter who was pictured in the UNL Alumni Journal along with the article, "Internet Database Combines Architecture, Arts, Humanities."
- From Oblate Carol Olson: The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration have a podcast of their daily Lauds and Vespers. It is just lovely! Go to: www.monasterypodcast.org. She says: I like this, because the thing I love about going to Sacred Heart Monastery is the sound of the sisters singing together, so this is the next best thing besides being there. Beautiful!
- The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration Clyde, MO have announced the launch of an e-commerce website for their Monastery Creations Gift Shop. Go to: www.monasterycreations.com.

- The Winter issue of the North American Association of Benedictine Oblate Directors Newsletter is on line at www.naabod.org if you wish to check it out. Peace to you! Sr. Antoinette Purcell, OSB, President
- From author and Oblate Norvene Vest: We are leaving our southern California home of twenty-four and thirty-one years respectively to launch into a new adventure in southern Arizona. We've sold our beloved Wild Wood park home and purchased a new home in Green Valley, Arizona, where we will have moved by March 15. Norvene will be an Oblate and lead a workshop at the Benedictine Abbey in Tucson. We have long loved the desert because of our years of retreats at St. Andrew's Abbey, Valyermo, and the Sonoran desert of southern Arizona is particularly beautiful. All this and more is described on our website: www.composury.com.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER!

For forty days, God has been forming us, calling us to reflect on the way we lead our lives and challenging us to compare our present individual and collective reality with the vision that God offers us. We have fasted, we have repented and we have experienced reconciliation.

As we look ahead to the activities of these next days, we notice their unity. Even though the tone and ambience of each day is distinct there is a unifying thread as we unfold different facets of the death and resurrection of Christ. Holy Thursday and Good Friday already contain hints that point to resurrection joy. Time stands still for us and these days are as one. The Triduum is a time of retreat for the entire church, a time to spend with God, a time like no other. Together we reflect upon the greatest mysteries of our faith and willingly participate in profound transformation. Let us immerse ourselves wholeheartedly in the experience.

On Easter we will see and hear many signs of new life: cheerful faces and bright smiles, joyful music and voices raised in song, the light of the paschal candle and the waters of baptism. We are overjoyed. We feel blessed. We feel free. We begin anew. (Reflections, Lit Press)

Let us pray together: O risen Christ, we glorify your name and give you praise! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! You are risen indeed! As we contemplate the mystery of your resurrection, show us how we can sustain the fervor and joy we feel this day. Strengthen us and guide us. Alleluia! Amen.



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